

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at Page 63, line 9 with the following:

The above-described each component of the image-forming layer according to the present invention is dissolved or dispersed in a solvent to prepare a coating solution and coated on a support. Examples of solvents used here include ethylene dichloride, cyclohexanone, methyl ethyl ketone, methanol, ethanol, propanol, ethylene glycol monomethyl ether, 1-methoxy-2-propanol, 2-methoxyethyl acetate, 1-methoxy-2-propyl acetate, dimethoxyethane, methyl lactate, ethyl lactate, N,N-dimethylacetamide, N,N-dimethylformamide, tetramethylurea, N-methylpyrrolidone, dimethyl sulfoxide, ~~sulforan~~, sulfolane, γ -butyrolactone, toluene, etc., but solvents are not limited thereto. These solvents are used alone or as mixture. The concentration of the solid contents of the coating solution is preferably from 1 to 50 wt%.

Please replace the paragraph bridging Pages 90 and 91 with the following:

The thus-obtained lithographic printing plate precursor was subjected to exposure using Trendsetter mounting a water-cooling type 40 W infrared semiconductor laser manufactured by Creo Co., Ltd., under the conditions of output of 9 W, external drum rotating speed of 210 rpm, printing plate surface energy of 100 mJ/m², and resolution of 2,400 dpi. The exposed precursor was mounted on the cylinder of a printing machine SOR-M (manufactured by ~~Heiderberg~~ Heidelberg Co.) without further developing treatment, and printing was performed after feeding a fountain solution, then an ink, and then printing paper.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at Page 98, line 12 with the following:

A rolled plate having a thickness of 0.24 mm of JIS-A-1050 aluminum containing 0.01 % of copper, 0.03 % of titanium, 0.3 % of iron, and 0.1 % of silicon was surface-grained with a 20 wt% aqueous suspension of 400 mesh ~~pumice~~ pumice stone powder (manufactured by Kyoritsu Yogyo Co., Ltd.) and a rotary nylon brush (6,10-nylon) having a (hair) diameter of 0.30 mm, and then the plate was thoroughly washed with water.